



Frederick County Board of Elections

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MINUTES of the March 23, 2022, Meeting of The Frederick County Board of Elections

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM, in person by the Board President, Mary Lou Green.

PRESENT:

Mary Lou Green, President	Jim Filson, League of Women Voters
Shirley McDonald, Vice President	Deborah Carter, Democratic Central Committee
Lawrence C. Hill, Secretary	Barbara Wagner, Election Director
Mary Costello, Board Member	Anthony Gutierrez, Deputy Director
William Woodcock, Board Member	Marc R. Welch, Election Program Assistant
Daniel B. Loftus, Board Counsel	Theresa Church, Communications Specialist
MC Keegan-Ayer, County Council President	Clifton Mowell, Election IT Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Costello made a motion to accept the February 02, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Woodcock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ANTHONY GUTIERREZ

Mr. Gutierrez was introduced as the Deputy Director.

ELECTION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Wagner provided a written copy of the Election Director's report and provided an overview of the contents of the report. Voter registration is at 194,162 active voters. To date, there are 72 candidate filings for 2022.

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OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY22 BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Wagner updated the Board on the current budget, Exhibit A.

B. LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Ms. Wagner updated the board on the bills in front of the General Assembly.

C. REDISTRICTING

Mr. Welch updated the board on the status of the Congressional and Legislative Redistricting. The Congressional Map and the Legislative Map have both passed the State Legislature. The Congressional Map has been challenged in court and is awaiting adjudication. It is expected that there will be legal challenges to the Legislative Map. The Director is working with County GIS to create new maps and compare their street files with our statewide database in preparation.

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRIMARY ELECTION DATE CHANGES

The board reviewed the dates that changed relevant to the new Election Day.

B. EARLY VOTING SITES AND POLLING PLACES

Ms. Wagner has confirmed with Trinity Recreation Center, Urbana Regional Library and Thurmont Regional Library that those sites are available for the July 7-14 early voting dates.

C. ELECTION JUDGE RECRUITMENT/TRAINING

Ms. Church updated the board on the recruitment effort. Training begins April 4.

D. OTHER

Mr. Gutierrez discussed possible location consolidation to reduce number of polling places and judges necessary. The team is looking at making "super precincts" by combining precincts. These are not vote centers.

Mr. Welch updated the board on the status of the Congressional and Legislative Redistricting. County GIS has created tools to make it easier for the team to create new maps in preparation of the redistricting.

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NEXT MEETING:

The Board scheduled its next meeting for April 6, 2022, at 2 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hill made the motion to move into Executive Session. Ms. McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION SUMMARY:

On March 23, 2022, at 3:00 pm, the Frederick County Board of Elections met in Executive Session at the Office Conference Room on Montevue Ln., Frederick, MD. This action was in accordance with the authority granted under the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305. The session discussed the following subsections under this provision:

- §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice.

Mr. Woodcock made a motion to begin the Executive Session, Ms. McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

During the executive session, the Board discussed two items: a public information request and a matter involving polling places.

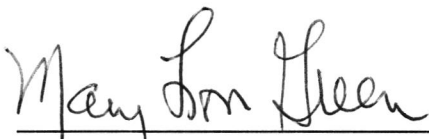
At 3:45 pm, Mr. Woodcock made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session, Ms. Costello seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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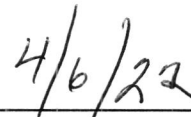
Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Church
Communications Specialist

Approved by:



Mary Lou Green, Board President



Date